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SUBJ: DEPUTY SECRETARY'S DISCUSSIONS IN OSLO

1. DURING TWO DAYS IN OSLO, I HAVE HAD SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS WITH PRIME MINISTER BRATTELI, FOREIGN MINISTER FYRDENLUND AND FINANCE MINISTER KLEPPE, ALSO ATTENDED BY SEVERAL MINISTERS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. THIS MESSAGE SUMMARIZES THE KEY POINTS MADE DURING THESE MEETINGS.

2. SVALBARD WAS UPPERMOST IN THE MINDS OF MOST NORWEGIANS OFFICIALS. PRIME MINISTER BRATTELI EXPRESSED HIMSELF PHILOSOPHICALLY BUT NO LESS FIRMLY THAN HIS FOREIGN MINISTRY COLLEAGUES. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE SVALBARD TREATY PROVISIONS ARE ADEQUATE TO CONTROL EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE ARCHIPELAGH AND WITHIN ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS, BUT THAT IT WOULD BE "UNHAPPY INDEED" FOR THE TREATY PROVISIONS TO BE APPLIED BEYOND THOSE LIMITS. HE CONTENDED THAT THE MOST SATISFACTORY REGIME WOULD BE ACCEPTANCE OF WATERS BEYOND THE TREATY LIMITS AS PART OF THE NORWEGIAN CONTINENTAL SHELF. HIS GOVERNMENT DID NOT KNOW IF THE USSR WOULD ACCEPT SUCH SOLUTION, BUT IT CERTAINLY WOULD NOT IF NATIONS SIGNATORY TO THE TREATY DID NOT ACCEPT IT.

3. DURING TALKS AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, FRYDENLUND CITED THREE DOMINANT FACTORS FOR NORWEGIAN FOREIGN POLICY IN FUTURE: OIL, SECRET

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LAW OF THE SEA AND ARCTIC DEVELOPMENT. FRYDENLUND VIGOROUSLY

EXPOUNDED GON VIEW THAT WHILE PARTIES SIGNATORY TO SVALBARD TREATY HAVE RIGHT TO ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION OF ARCHIPELAGO AND TERRITORIAL SEA, RIGHT DOES NOT PERTAIN TO CONTINENTAL SHELF. HE OBSERVED THAT AREA HAS BEEN PEACEFUL FOR 50 YEARS BUT THAT NEW ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES HAVE INTRODUCED RISK OF TENSIONS. THSS FACT IS POLITICAL BASIS FOR NORWAY'S ASSERTION OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER CONTINENTAL SHELF. FRYDENLUND ARGUES THAT NORWAY FACES TWO-PRONGED APPROACH FROM USSR: LEGITIMATE SECURITY INTEREST BUT ALSO POLITICAL OFFENSIVE DESIGNED TO WEAKEN NORWEGIAN AND SCANDINAVIAN TIES TO THE WEST. FRYDENLUND SAID NOTWAY HAS RESISTED SOVIET EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A CONDOMINIUM IN SVALBARD, AND HAS NO INTEREST IN MAKING ANY DEALS AT EXPENSE OF ITS ALLIES OR THE TREATY SIGNATORIES.

4. I TOLD FRYDENLUND AS WELL AS BRATTELI THAT THE USG HAS BOTH STRATEGIC AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN THE SVALBARD AREA, AND THAT WE WILL WISH TO DISCUSS CURRENT PROBLEMS IN DETAIL WHEN WE HAVE REACHED A COORDINATED U.S. POSITION. MEANWHILE, I SUGGESTED THAT NORWAY SCRUPULOUSLY ASSERT ITS SOVEREIGN RIGHTS AGAINST ANY SOVIET ATTEMPTS TO ERODE THEM. COMMENT: NORWEGIAN INTEREST IN THIS ISSUE WAS INTENSE. I BELIEVE IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE MOVE EXPEDITIOUSLY IN FORMULATING A USG POSITION AND DISCUSSING THE ISSUES WITH THE GON. END COMMENT.

5. MY DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC MATTERS WITH FINANCE MINISTER KLEPPE, FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS AND AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN REVEALED NO MAJOR PROBLEMS (THOUGH FRYDENLUND SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT WE CONTINUE TO OPPOSE CARGO PREFERENCE LEGISLATION, CITING THE SIZEABLE PERCENTAGE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS WHICH NORWAY DERIVES FROM SHIPPING SERVICES). THE NORWEGIAN ECONOMY OBVIOUSLY IS IN BETTER SHAPE THAN ANY OTHER IN EUROPE. KLEPPE ASSURED ME THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT PURSUING A POLICY OF STATE OWNERSHIP, BUT HAS FUNCTIONED AS AN ENTREPRENEUR ONLY WHERE PRIVATE SECTOR EFFORTS HAVE BEEN INADEQUATE (PARTICULARLY IN METAL WORKING AND POWER GENERATION). REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POLICY ARE CLOSELY INTERCONNECTED, WITH THE PROFITS OF STATOIL BEING INADEQUATE TO COVER THE GOVERNMENT'S AMBITIOUS PROGRAMS. KLEPPE MENTIONED THAT NORWAY HOPES TO BE GIVING ONE PERCENT OF GNP IN FOREIGN AID GRANTS BY 1978, WITH HALF OF THIS CHanneled THROUGH UN AND MULTILATERAL INSTITUTIONS. KLEPPE HAS

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BEEN PERSONALLY AND OFFICALLY INVOLVED IN ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL. THE NORWEGIAN PROGRAM THERE IS STILL SMALL AS KLEPPE IS AWAITING DEVELOPMENTS BEFORE MOVING AHEAD.

6. PRIME MINISTER BRATTELI SPOKE AT SOME LENGTH ABOUT NORWAY'S RELATIONSHIP TO WESTERN EUROPE. EC MEMBERSHIP FOR NORWAY IS A DEAD ISSUE, AND MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE OVSERVERS BELIEVE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS (PARTICULARLY THE OIL BOOM) HAVE ENLARGED THE MAJORITY

AGAINST MEMBERSHIP. STILL BRATTELI SPOKE WITH FEELING ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF UK MEMBERSHIP AND THE FACT THAT THE UK, FRANCE AND GERMANY ARE AT LAST "IN ONE BASKET," WHICH HE FERVENTLY HOPES WILL BE A LASTING ARRANGEMENT. BRATTELI BELEIVES WESTERN EUROPE HAS PASSED THROUGH A REMARKABLY ACTIVE AND CREATIVE PERIOD OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT WHICH FIVE YEARS AGO WAS REPLACED BY A MOOD OF RELAXATION AND RETRENCHMENT. HE COULD NOT PREDICT HOW MUCH TIME MIGHT PASS BEFORE INITIATIVE IS REGAINED.

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7. THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT'S LABOR PARTY BIAS WAS MOST APPARENT IN MY DISCUSSIONS OF UN AND THIRD WORLD ISSUES WITH FRYDENLUND AND HIS FOREIGN MINISTRY COLLEAGUES. FRYDENLUND WAS QUITE MATTER OF FACT IN COMMENTING ON THE MORALISTIC OUTLOOK OF MOST NORWEGIANS AND THE IMPACT IT HAS ON THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TOWARD ECONOMIC ASPIRATIONS OF THE THIRD WORLD.

8. IN THE MEETING AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, I MADE A DETAILED PRESENTATION OF OUR VIEWS ON THE KOREAN QUESTION IN THE UN, NATO, AND INDOCHINESE REFUGEES. FRYDENLUND RESPONDED AS FOLLOWS:
A) ON KOREA, FRYDENLUND SAID THE NORDIC MINISTERS HAD AS YET MADE NO DECISION ON HOW TO VOTE AT THE UNGA. THE GOVERNMENT DID RESPOND TO A NORTH KOREAN INQUIRY BY STATING IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO SUPPORT A RESOLUTION WHICH DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR MAINTAINING THE ARMISTICE. FRYDENLUND AGREED TO STUDY THE QUESTION FURTHER, BUT HIS TONE WAS NOT ENCOURAGING EITHER ON CO-SPONSORING THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION OR COMMITTING NORWAY NOW TO VOTE AGAINST THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION.

B) ON THE RELATIONSHIP OF SPAIN TO EUROPE AND NATO, FRYDENLUND SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT WISH TO TAKE ANY ACTION TO BOLSTER THE FRANCEO REGIME AND THEREBY RISK PREJUDICING A SUCCESSOR GOVERNMENT AGAINST THE ALLIANCE. FRYDENLUND SAID HE HAD SPOKEN WITH THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER (ON THE LATTER'S INITIATIVE) AT CSCE IN EHLSINKI (BY FRYDENLUND'S CALCULATION, PROBABLY THE FIRST TIME IN 35 YEARS THAT THE RESPECTIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS HAVE TALKED). FRYDENLUND TOLD ME THAT THE GON IS AWARE OF THE NEED FOR CONTACT
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WITH DEMOCRATIC FORCES IN SPAIN, BUT IT MUST ALSO PRESERVE DOMESTIC SUPPORT FOR NATO AND THEREFORE CAN UNDERTAKE NO UNPOPULAR APPORACHES TO SPAIN AND PORTUGAL.

C) ON REFUGEES, FRYDENLUND CITED THE ACTIONS NORWAY HAS UNDERTAKEN TO ACCEPT SOME 85 REFUGEES, AND THE DIFFICULTY OF ASSIMILATING INDOCHINESE WITHIN THE HOMOGENEOUS NORWEGIAN SOCIETY. BUT HE AGREED TO STUDY FURTHER THE QUESTION OF SUPPORT THROUGH THE UNHCR AND OTHER MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS.

8. COMMENT: FRYDENLUND REFERRED SEVERAL TIMES TO NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT APPRECIATION FOR VISIT BY A SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL. ALL OF MY MEETINGS AND CONVERSATIONS WERE CONDUCTED IN A SPIRIT OF FRIENDLY COOPERATION. CLEARLY THE NORWEGIANS WOULD WELCOME A GREATER FREQUENCY IN SUCH EXCHANGES.
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